

***Tringa semipalmata* (Willet)****Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)****Class:** Aves (Birds)**Order:** Charadriiformes (Plovers, Sandpipers, And Allies)**Family:** Scolopacidae (Curlews, Dowitchers, Godwits, Knots, Phalaropes, Sandpipers, Snipe, Yellowlegs, And Woodcock)**General comments:**

Range expansion -first nesting pair recorded in 1971. Regional population currently appears to be stable (Andres et al. 2012. Wader Study Group Bull. 119(3)). Priority 3 status because of vulnerability to climate change.

**Species Conservation Range Maps for Willet:**Town Map: [Tringa semipalmata Towns.pdf](#)Subwatershed Map: [Tringa semipalmata HUC12.pdf](#)**SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:****Risk of Extirpation:** NA**State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern:** NA**Recent Significant Declines:** NA**Regional Endemic:** NA**High Regional Conservation Priority:** NA**High Climate Change Vulnerability:**

Vulnerability: 3, Confidence: Medium, Reviewers: 4

**Understudied rare taxa:** NA**Historical:** NA**Culturally Significant:** NA**Range Expansion:**

Range Expansion: Willet is a species with a recent range expansion. Priority 1 designation is not intended for species who have expanded their range into Maine within the past 50 years. Notes: First breeding record 1971 (Am. Birds 25:833); breeds annually in Saltmarshes across much of coast.

**Habitats Assigned to Willet:**

Formation Name	Intertidal
Macrogroup Name	Intertidal Mudflat
Macrogroup Name	Intertidal Sandy Shore
Macrogroup Name	Intertidal Tidal Marsh (peat-forming)

**Stressors Assigned to Willet:**

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Willet or other Priority 3 SGCN.

**Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Willet:**

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Willet or other Priority 3 SGCN.

**Guild Level Conservation Actions:**

This Species is currently not attributed to a guild.

**Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:**

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Relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

**Habitat Based Conservation Actions:**

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

*The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.*